GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WORLD HERITAGE STATUS TO KALKA-SHIMLA RAIL TRACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a UNESCO heritage team had visited the Kalka-Shimla rail track in September, in connection with granting of a world heritage status to this track;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the UNESCO team along with the decision of the UNESCO Heritage declaration committee thereon;

(c) whether any section in the North Eastern Region, has also been under consideration of the UNESCO for grant of Heritage status; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the rail tracks which have so far been granted such status?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the UNESCO team are conveyed internally. The decision, based on the recommendations, will be taken in the next session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Canada in July`2008.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.